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Drinking water wells for Harijans in South Arcot district

* 2351 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for drinking water wells for Harijans by the District Harijan Welfare Department in South Arcot district in the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the amount actually spent from the amount; and

(*c*) the number of new wells sunk during the year 1954–55 and the number of old wells repaired in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) Rs. 8,200.

(*b*) Rs. 4,284.

(*c*) (i) The number of new wells sunk during 1954–55—9.

(ii) Number of wells repaired in South Arcot district—7.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: It is the policy of the Government to throw open all public wells to all irrespective of caste. I wish to know whether the Government have thrown open to Harijans all the public wells in South Arcot district and, if so, the number of such wells.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: All public wells are open to all classes and communities.

Rehabilitation of persons affected by the Araniyar Project

* 2352 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1677 given on 23rd March 1955, the cost of the proposals for rehabilitating persons dispossessed on account of the Araniyar Project?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The cost of the rehabilitation proposals is still under examination by the Collector of Chingleput. It approximately works out to Rs. 5,76,000.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the rehabilitation steps that have so far been taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The proposal is to allot land which costs about Rs. 4½ lakhs. Then there is provision for house-sites, supply of timber free of cost (Rs. 93,000), provision of drinking water facilities (Rs. 10,000 odd), charges for transporting the belongings of the ryots to the newly formed villages (Rs. 2,000) and other charges (Rs. 2,700 odd).